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COUNTY OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Superior Judge.....	Wm. S. Wells
County Clerk.....	J. E. Rodgers
County Recorder.....	A. E. Dunkel
County Auditor.....	A. J. Soto
Sheriff.....	R. R. Veale
Tax Collector.....	H. C. Raap
District Attorney.....	H. V. Alvarado
Treasurer.....	Geo. Wiley
Assessor.....	Henry T. Jones
Public Administrator.....	M. H. Hurley
Coroner.....	H. J. Curry
County Surveyor.....	Elam Brown
Superintendent of Schools.....	A. A. Bailey
County Physician.....	E. E. Brown
Supt. County Hospital.....	M. M. Taggart

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Regular meetings, first Monday of every month.
First District.....P. Tormey, Rodeo
Second District.....J. M. Stowe, Walnut Creek
Third District.....E. J. Randall, Concord
Fourth District.....P. DeMartini, Clayton
Fifth District.....J. D. Wightman, Lone Tree

TOWN OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

John Bermingham, Jr., M. Murray, B. W. Stevens,
A. McDonald, W. A. Ray.

TOWN OFFICERS.

H. McCullough.....	Marshal
Sam. Bermingham.....	Treasurer
S. S. McKinley.....	Recorder
L. E. Hart.....	Clerk

POST OFFICE DIRECTORY.

Office open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Sundays from 7:30 to 10 a. m., and from
3 to 6 p. m.

The San Francisco mails arrive at 8:12
a. m. and 5:20 p. m.

Mails close for San Francisco, etc., at
8 a. m., 10:00 a. m. and 4:50 p. m. For
Benicia, etc., 8 a. m.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE

(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

COMING WEST.

Leave Pinole—San Ramon Passenger
8:10 a. m., Martinez Local 9:55 a. m.,
Sacramento Passenger, 6:00 p. m., Mar-
tinez Passenger, 5:34 p. m.

Arrive in S. F.—9:25 a. m., 11:25 a. m.,
7:25 p. m. 6:35 p. m.

Bakersfield passenger stops every day.
Leaves Pinole at 3:38 p. m. and arrives in
San Francisco at 4:55. Stops at Giant.

GOING EAST.

Leave San Francisco—Sacramento Pas-
senger 7 a. m. Martinez Local 9:30 a. m.
Sacramento Local 3:30 p. m. Martinez
Passenger 7:00 p. m.

Arrive at Pinole 8:12 a. m. 10:40 a. m.
4:41 p. m. 8:10 p. m.

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(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

GOING WEST.

Trains leave for Oakland and San Fran-
cisco as follows:

No. 5, 7:40 a. m., No. 41, 9:56 a. m.; No.
7, 5:05 p. m.

Arrive at Oakland 8:27 a. m., 10:35
a. m. and 5:55 p. m.

GOING EAST

Trains leave Oakland as follows:

No. 50, 7:30 a. m., No. 54, 4:30 p. m.,
No. 56, 8 p. m.

Arrive at Pinole 8:34 a. m., 5:11 p. m.
9 15 p. m.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

J. Bermingham, Jr., was a visitor to
Martinez Monday.

Mr. W. H. Baker went to the city Fri-
day night.

Mrs. John Bermingham, Jr. spent
Friday and Saturday in San Francisco.

Dan O'Connell who hurt his hand
coupling cars is again on duty.

Several young ladies were Hercules
Club Guests Sunday.

The California Powder Works Wharf
is soon to be enlarged and repaired.

Mr. H. McCullough and son Jim had
some good sport Sunday at the Rodeo
Dam.

Several good bags of ducks were ob-
tained Sunday in front of our office on the
bay.

Dr. Harry East Miller, consulting
chemist, was a visitor at Hercules last
week.

Manager Ross announces that there
may be a game of ball at Hercules Park
next Sunday.

Fred Mayer is in San Francisco check-
ing nitre weights for the California Pow-
der Works.

Joe Marx and Joe Newfield took in the
football game. Marx has it on Newfield
for this year at least.

The Hercules Club will give a smoker
for club members only, on the evening of
December 3d.

A new matching machine has just been
installed at the box factory. It will re-
sult in considerable saving to that de-
partment.

Wm. J. Remfree, an old and esteemed
resident of Contra Costa, died at his
home in Oakley of consumption on
Thursday last.

The pumping plant of the Hercules
Water Company at San Pablo is now
pumping 160 gallons a day from a twelve-
inch well. Work will soon commence on
the pipe line.

William Donaldson of Paulsboro, New
Jersey, arrived at Hercules last Thurs-
day evening. Mr. Donaldson came out
from the East to superintend the placing
of the machinery in the new packing
houses recently erected at the California
Powder Works. He was very much
pleased with California and the people
whom he has met since his arrival here.

The Hercules quartet held a concert
Sunday evening. The night watchman
thinking that a cyclone was wrestling
with the upper story of the club house,
went to the rescue. He found that the
organization were only instructing new
members in the pathetic ballads "My
Country 'Tis of Thee," and "We Are
Tenting To-Night On The Old Camp
Ground" with which the quartette intends
to disturb the peace in Redville. The
watchman succeeded in restoring the
state of the atmosphere to its normal
condition, greatly to the relief of the lodgers
in the hotel de Baker.

Bass fishing still continues excellent at
the C. P. W. Wharf.

S. S. McKinlay was a city passenger
Saturday evening.

Mr. B. S. Gibbs was a guest of Super-
intendent Bermingham last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bermingham went
to Vacaville Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Rice spent several days
this week in San Francisco.

B. W. Stevens gave a dinner to his
friends the other evening. They all
praised his cooking highly.

Supt. of Schools A. A. Bailey was a
Pinole visitor last week. He came down
on a fishing trip.

Mr. H. J. Baldwin of Wilmington, Del.,
was a guest of Supt. Bermingham on
Friday last.

The grading work for the new pack-
ing houses is about completed and two of
the buildings are almost ready to start.

Everyone is praising the California
Powder Works factory loaded shells.
There are none better in the market.

Senator Belshaw and wife left for the
World's Fair Saturday last. They will
return before the 1st of December.

The S. P. Company will soon have a
new style electric gas combustion loco-
motive.

A large shipment of nitrate of soda is
being received at the Powder Works
Wharf.

One of the horses belonging to Mrs.
John Bermingham, Jr. that was struck
by a train and badly hurt was shot last
week as its recovery was hopeless.

November 28th is the last day of grace
on taxes, and they will become delinquent
after that date and costs will be added.
A word to the wise is sufficient.

Quite a number of Hercules people went
to Vacaville last Sunday to see Hercules
win from that team with Loh in the box
by a score of 3 to 1. This is the second
victory over the Vacaville nine.

The machinery for the new ice plant
at the California Powder Works is now
being received. There are four carloads
in all and some of the pieces weigh
twelve tons.

J. Patterson and Lester Wood returned
Sunday night from Elmira where they
had been spending several days on a
duck hunt. The killed 75 ducks and 16
geese while away.

Duck shooting on the Suisun marshes
is said to be improving and good bags are
being made in this section. A little cold
weather is needed to hasten the northern
flight to the marshes.

Stanford defeated Berkeley by a score
of 18 to 0. The Stanford team clearly
outclassed the Berkeley eleven in every
particular with the exception of
punting. Stott was the star of the game,
his work at quarter was marvelous.
Quite a number of Hercules and Pinole
people attended the game.

RULES OF THE DANCE.

Following is a list of the rules
by which the Leap Year Party, to
be given by the Club next Sat-
urday evening, will be governed:

1. Any gentleman crossing the
hall without a lady escort, 25c.

2. Any gentleman asking a lady
to dance, \$2.5c.

3. Any gentleman leaving the
hall without a lady escort, 25c.

4. Any gentleman caught fan-
ning a lady, 25c.

5. Any gentleman who with
malice of forethought does willfully
refuse a proposal of marriage, shall
pay a fine of \$250 and be sen-
tenced to six months in the county
jail, punishable by both fine and
imprisonment.

All fines payable to the lady pre-
ferring charges.

THE TRIP OF THE "CENTURY."

The gasoline launch "Century" left
Hercules at noon on Saturday for the El-
mira Gun Club's preserves with the fol-
lowing crew: Henry Boysen, Frank
McGlinchy, R. K. Smith, Howard Poin-
sett, Andy Ashenfelter, Frank Moore,
Abe Hitch, Jerry McDonald and Billy
Hanson. They arrived at Elmira at nine
o'clock Saturday evening, after a most
enjoyable trip, and a shot stop at Rio
Vista. Andy Ashenfelter had charge of
commissary department an office which
the boys say he filled to perfection. The
vessel behaved beautifully and the sports-
men arrived safely home on Sunday eve-
ning with some thirty ducks and geese.

WHARF-FRANCHISE GRANTED.

The Board of Supervisors on the 7th
inst. granted a franchise to the Mountain
Copper Company Limited for the sum of
\$100 to construct and maintain a wharf at
Bull's Head Point on the Straits of Car-
quinez. This mammoth enterprise, lo-
cated but a mile from Martinez will cer-
tainly be a great help to that town and
will add greatly to manufacturing indus-
tries of our county.

LICENSED TO WED.

A marriage license was issued on Nov.
9th to John Williams, aged 25, and Mary
DeMartini, aged 23, both residents of
Concord, and on the 11th to P. Murphy,
aged 21, and Julia Twomey, aged 18,
both residents of Port Costa.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Rodeo Townsite and Improvement Co.
to Mrs. Lizzie Gomez—Lots 28 and 30 in
block 23, town of Rodeo; \$450.

E. M. Downer to E. E. Grow—Lot 7
in block 5, Town of Point Richmond; \$10.

Mr. Mann, the efficient landscape gard-
ner has finished laying out and planting
H. J. Curry's new garden at Martinez.
If the Supervisors would engage Mr.
Mann to fix the Court House garden he
would do a good job.

...HERCULES NEWS...

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY

...BY...

...LUTHER McQUESTEN...

At Cartridge Factory, Hercules, (Pinole P. O.,) Cal.

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THURSDAY.....NOVEMBER 17, 1904

JUDGE MELVILLE of Alameda county is prominently mentioned as one of the Judges to the Circuit Court of Appeals recently approved by a two-thirds vote of the people of this State.

APPROPRIATIONS to the amount of \$73,000 have been made by the United States Government for the construction of a 450-foot collier for the United States service, and for extensive improvements to the Mare Island Navy Yard. The collier will be built at Mare Island during this fiscal year.

SUISUN has an epidemic of diphtheria, supposed to be caused from a faulty condition of the sewer system. The schools have been ordered closed for a period of two weeks and the health officer has ordered a strict quarantine in the effected quarters as a precautionary measure against the spread of the dread disease.

THE citizens of Auburn, Placer county, are greatly agitated over one of the most horrible murders that has ever stained the annals of our State. Last week the Weber family, father, mother, son and daughter were butchered in cold blood, and their residence fired in the very heart of that city. Adolphus Weber, the only survivor of the family, now languishes in the jail with a chain of evidence sufficiently strong to warrant his detention as the perpetrator of this terrible deed, and even worse, as the officers at work on the case have discovered facts that unmistakably place the robbery of the Auburn Bank some time since at the hands of this inhuman wretch. Murder, arson and robbery, three of the greatest crimes known, are charged to this fiend, who stoutly denies the charges in the face of almost damning proof. The sooner such wretches neck a rope's end at the hands of the law the better, but his miserable life will hardly atone to the offended law.

THE County Paper in announcing the glorious victory of the Republican party, attempts by a lot of lame excuses which are about as senseless as have been his campaign predictions of the last three months, to tell the intelligent people "how it happened." He acknowledges that his party is all but wiped out of existence, and states that had "Grover kept his mouth shut Parker might have had a chance" an accuses Bryan of leading the Democrats to the "political slaughter house," which by the way was identically what happened in this county to the Democratic nominees for State Senator and Supervisors, championed by the County Paper, which is more regretted by that organ than the defeat of a dozen Parkers. In the face of the great majorities rolled up for the Republican nominees in Nation, State and county, the voice of the people proclaiming through the ballot box their preference by their own free will to protection and prosperity against free trade and ruin, Tommy's argument is rather weak. In his statements that men were intimidated in Hercules and Pinole precincts into voting for Belshaw by Bermingham or any other man, we will state that they are as false as they are senseless, which the count has already shown. Mr. Randall never had a ghost of a show, and we are surprised that he allowed himself to be led to the political cemetery with your other "dead ones" of the past four years. Such statements, which are an insult to every loyal Republican, will not tend to help you in your present sad predicament, and with this parting advice we will leave you to the tender mercies of a Republican Board of Supervisors for the next four years.

There is a rumor afloat that the Sugar Refinery Hotel in Crockett is to be torn down and shipped to Black Diamond to be again rebuilt into a hotel. Too bad for Crockett.

IT is useless for the County Paper to charge that Belshaw was unpopular. It was to be expected that the "sore head" push would knife him and the Republican managers were well aware of what was being done. It was of more importance to the whole county and to the Republican party when it was seen that Belshaw's election was an assured fact to devote all of its energies to the election of a Republican Board of Supervisors, and this line of campaign was strictly adhered to. Belshaw was as good as elected when he was nominated as the vote of the 9th district shows, so it will hardly do to charge him with being unpopular. In Pacheco, only a mile or so from Mr. Randall's home, the Democratic candidate was defeated almost three to one, and in other parts of the county the same thing occurred. The rot, false reports and mud slinging indulged in by the prominent attorney, his office boy and the vineyardists of Alhambra, accomplished some results in Martinez, but of what did it avail the "sore heads?" They are to-day being condemned by all loyal Republicans, and it's a cinch that one of the vineyardists will never sit in the Court House. The rest of the bunch are probably ashamed of their actions and in the future they will be good. It is reported that they are blaming Supervisor Stow for claiming that Belshaw was a weak candidate. Just like people of their stamp to "shift the buck" when they are up against it. Their hang dog expressions are amusing if not pathetic.

THE County paper in its last issue comes out with a statement of the causes which led to the overwhelming defeat of all the Democratic nominees. The article is composed of one tenth fact and nine tenths rot. The author of the article is evidently trying to excuse the paper's stand during the campaign, but the public settled all that on the 8th instant just passed.

CHALLENGES THEM TO PLAY.

The Mechanic's Baseball Club of the California Powder Works hereby challenges the Pencil Driver's Base Ball Club to a game of baseball on Sunday, Nov. 27th with the following line-up: W. Miller, c; J. Kearney, p; J. Hanson, 1st base; J. Fritz, 2d base; J. Curran, s. s. and captain; W. Lawrence, 3d base; H. Veale, l. f.; H. Poinsett, c. f.; J. Roosevelt Box, r. f.; August Hanson, mascot. Line up subject to change.

GEORGE HORNE, Manager.

BOXING EXHIBITION.

A ten-round boxing exhibition for a decision between George Herbert of the Crockett Reliance Club and Jack Dean of San Francisco will take place in Foresters' Hall, Pinole, on Friday evening, November 25th. Three hot preliminaries by swift amateurs, Leo. Castro of Pinole vs. Pete Jess of Hercules; Hokie Silva vs. Chas. O'Neill; Chas. Lavinge of Oakland vs. Cuneo. The class of sport furnished by Mr. Silvas in the past warrants the attendance of all admirers of the manly art.

RODEO NEWS.

Mr. F. Delmonte was a city passenger Saturday.

Miss Mae Thompson was a city passenger Sunday.

Last week while Peter Resso was raising his scow the blocking slipped and the structure came down with a crash, completely demolishing its bottom.

A. Jeffrey, Chas. Cole and Ed. Jeffrey of San Francisco were visiting Rodeo Sunday and enjoyed some duck shooting.

Henry Delmonte had quite an experience at Vallejo Junction Sunday. He met an old lady who had missed the train for Los Angeles and who was a stranger in the place. He kindly carried her bundles and piloted her back to Tormey where she found lodgings at the hotel.

C. Silva is now cleaning boilers at the California Powder Works.

The man of Berkeley with the short hair was visiting Rodeo Sunday.

Herman Koppen and Pete Jess of Hercules were up at Rodeo visiting "good Lord" Jerry Saturday and took in the sights at Vallejo Sunday.

Philip Sobrantes was visiting friends at San Francisco Saturday.

The Rodeo belles do not play hop scotch on the beach any more.

Gus Koppen went to the city last week but didn't bring back that bunch of bananas that he promised a certain party.

A new scow from Martinez landed at Rodeo last week.

We wonder who A. Barton was talking to so long at Rodeo station Sunday night.

Tom Higuera claims C. Silva will never forget that pointer he received.

Mr. Ray Murphy returned from his Eastern trip Wednesday evening.

A cob web social will be given by the Ladies' Aid at the Methodist Church on Friday evening, Nov. 18th. All are invited.

Mrs. J. Bermingham, Jr. and Mrs. W. H. Baker enjoyed some fine fishing on the C. P. W. Wharf Tuesday. Mrs. Bermingham caught seven fine bass but Mrs. Baker didn't get a bite.

Fifty dollars worth of new books were added to the Hercules Club library this week.

Conscientious.

Weary Walker—No, ma'am; I ain't dirty from choice. I'm bound by honor. I wrote a testimonial for a soap-maker once and promised 'to use no other.' Mrs. Housekeeper—Well, why do you not use that? Weary Walker—Because, ma'am, that firm failed about five years ago.

LODGE NOTICES

SHENENDOAH TRIBE, No. 121, I. O. R. M., meets every Wednesday night.
W. MAYER, Chief of Records.
JOS. JOHNSON, Sachem.

HERCULES LODGE No. 21, K. OF P., meets every Saturday night at Foresters' Hall, Pinole, Cal.
C. L. TOWNES, K. of R. & S.
C. E. HOUCK, C. C.

PHYSICIANS

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PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
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LOUIE GOES ON A DUCK HUNT.

DIER EDITUR: I read by Hercolees Noose onct that Sam Bermingham what iss, give poormission to the boys to shoot mid Riley's dam, so I information John what is Back-hard and Louie what is myself and Tom Davy-Port an Arthur Aniseed what is anther printer, and Llewellyn what looks through spy glass for Tom McMahony and we go by the railroad track to Rodeo where I get introductioned to Jerry Mahoney what is the Mayor of Rôdeo, amid the "smiles" of the entire congregashun. He ask me why I not go to Vacaville to editorial the game and I tell him to h—I mid ther game when ther canvasback und blue bills and teal come mid de dam. I have John's Winchester pump what was a peeches, und we go by wagon road what Jerry tells us is the ride way, und we meets Willie Miller und Mr. Sutor what is und it is pleasurable. The scenery is a loveliness und the land escape a grandness. We get mid de dam at 10 o'clock and argumentation start up mid Davy-Port und Riley what runs de dam, about no shooting, und I am sadness, it is pretty quick settlement by Davy-Port handing Riley a package from the Mayor of Rodeo, und I am happiness. Well we scatter around mid the pond und I see one big duck what iss up mid the end of de dam und I sneek up und take one shot und he not fly so I take two more quick und Billy Miller information me that it was the top of a post und I yust then find it out that I blow off two inches from the front end of my gun. I show it to Dovy-Port what say I get mud inside and I get mad like the devil as I not use gun for walking stick. Miller he pick me up mid de boat und I nearly capcise when we get out in the middle of the dam, und I get a terrible sea sickness what iss, but is quick better when I get once more on the other side, where I show the gun to John who discovers a flaw in the compound construction of the damuscus and he say that I strained the tripple expansion by shooting to far, und I think he is right. Pretty soon I see one fine, big duck what was black like the devil, what comes smimming out of the reeds and I knock him over once quick und the spy glass man he say it was mud hen what iss, und I am madness, Aniseed he go sleep and spy glass he see a flock of ducks what fly over and he holler out and wake Aniseed up who pulls both triggers and accidentally kills a duck. Tom Davy-Port is already knock down six or eight ducks and mud hens what iss, but John he is shoot rifle and not get anything. Riley he pound on tin pan what informations the boys that it is time to feed our faces, and we is soon mid de table in Riley's shack where we is enjoying a nice, cold, lunch, what the boys brought mid their pockets. It is happiness and pleasurable. After dinner we go back and shoot some more und we keep Miller busy with the boat picking up the game. Pretty soon I see one big one with a big white stripe on his back what was following behind Miller's boat and I up and blaze away and Miller he say "what the h—I's matter Louie that is wooden duck." I get discustfulness and me and John we go home und I idroduction my gun to Billy Hanson what iss, and he will amputation the barrel what will be all right somehow, anyhow John say it is better as it shot

to close und now will much better scatter, und now dier editur I will ride you again sometimes when John und I go mid our ownelves, und we leave Tom Davy-Port, Aniseed, Spy Glass man and Miller to stay by the club. Yours lovingly,

THE BANQUET.

Now, dier editur I information you about der banquet what follows up ther hunt on Tuesday evening. I und John we engagement ther baseball room by ther club house, und we invertation ther "Duke," Sam Bermingham, Spy Glass, Joe Marx what is not Murphy, Joe Newfield, what is laborator, Billy Miller, what pick up ther ducks, Mr. Sutor, Andy Ashes, Tom Davy-Port, Arthur Aniseed, what is sleepiness, Bill Murray what is machine shop und Dr. Watts, what is fix our stomicks, und Mac Santa Cruz what is chifoneer by my appointment und what have already stuffment und cook ther ducks to a John Brown finishment. Well we git mid our faces to the ducks on der outside, und mid the liquid refreshments mid der inside, und we is all gladness und pleaserably what iss, und I motionment that we organization mid ourselves onct a gun club what we call der "Ding Bats," which is two timed by Spy Glass mid oud argumentation. I exhibition my gun to Sam Bermingham what information me that I not shoot mid der dam cause he say I puncture der air chamber of the compressor und wing Riley in der left leg, which is not sound I am sadness, und I und John we now flock mid our ownelves and shoot mid der bay ducks for der "Ding Bats." Mid much obligation to Mac Santa Cruz, und respectfulness to the rest of the boys und contemptuous for Sam Bermingham what iss, und Tom Davy-Port what frightfully mutilation my letters, I am

LOUIE.

The First Locomotive In Maine.

The first locomotive used in the state of Maine came from England, having been built at the works of Robert Stephenson & Co. in the year 1835, and made its first trip over the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford railroad on Aug. 19, 1837. This road was then generally known as the "Veazie road," and the track was made of wooden rails strapped with iron. The shackles used to connect the engine and cars were made of three thicknesses of sole or belt leather held together by copper rivets and had a hole in each end so as to hook over an upright stationary pin bolted or driven into a rigid beam extending from the end of the car. It is said that for a time the engine was run in opposition to a six ox team employed by a Bangor lumber dealer who was not willing to pay the rates charged on the railroad, and it was not until the management of the line came to what he considered fair charges that he turned his traffic over to it.

In Nature's Wonderland.

There is but one Grand canyon. The name should never have been given to lesser gorges. The very fact that there is a so called Grand canyon in Colorado is misleading. "The Grand canyon of Colorado" does not sound much different from "the Grand canyon of the Colorado." Hence many people confuse them.

The canyon of the Colorado river, which flows through Arizona, forms the boundary line between that territory and California and then empties into the gulf of California.

It is the grandest gorge in the world. In it 3,000 of the wonderful gorges of the state of Colorado could be buried. With its tributaries, many of which have never yet been explored, it would reach, if all the canyons were placed one after another, nearly around the world.—Four Track News.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

I Louie, what is me, und John what is Buckhard, extendment thankfulness to Mr. Sam Bermingham for the promisification of a fine turkey for the "Ding Bat" Gun Club what now iss.

On Monday Wm. Bacon, foreman of the N. G. house, met with an experience which was anything but pleasant. While going to a blind off the C. P. W. Wharf in company with X. Huber, he fell overboard, losing his gun which he had in his hand at the time. He was rescued by Huber with great difficulty, and returning the next day at low tide he was lucky enough to recover the gun.

The editor of the NEWS returns thanks to Mrs. W. H. Baker for a fine striped bass caught by her on Wednesday. She is the champion bass fisher of the works.

Read Lehman Bros. new ad. in another column.

Born—In Hercules, Nov. 16, 1904, to the wife of Ralph Robison, a daughter.

The Number Forty In the Bible.

The rain that produced the flood fell for forty days and forty nights, and after it ceased it was forty days before Noah opened the ark. Moses was forty days on the mountain fasting, and the spies spent forty days investigating matters in Canaan before making their report. Elijah fasted forty days in the wilderness, and Jonah gave the people of Nineveh forty days in which to repent. The forty days' fast of Jesus is known to all readers of the New Testament.

Loaded For Them.

"Eddie, do you know what happens to bad little boys?"

"Yes'm; the bears eat 'em up."

"Then why don't you try to be good?"

"Huh! S'pose I am afraid of bears? Say, I got a toy pistol!"—Erie Dispatch.

The heart of the wise man should resemble a mirror, which reflects every object without being sullied by any.—Confucius.

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MARTINEZ NOTES.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

Mrs. W. B. Bartlett of San Francisco visited her parents at the McMahon ranch last week.

Mrs. Carrick of Oakland came up last Wednesday to visit her sister Mrs. E. E. Webster.

About thirty-five young people went from Martinez to attend the A. O. U. W. dance given in Walnut Creek on election night.

Mrs. Ella Bright of Modesto spent last week with her mother Mrs. M. N. Swain.

Mrs. Graham Coghlan of San Francisco is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Hale.

Concrete foundations are being laid for the brick buildings to be erected by T. A. McMahon and McNamara & Winkleman on Main street and by Max Bergamini on Ferry street.

Mrs. Swett of San Francisco has been visiting her daughter during the week.

A lecture was given in the Congregational Church last Friday evening by Rev E. E. Baker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Oakland on "The Blues and How to Get Rid of Them." This will probably be followed by a series of lectures to be given during the winter months by the Church.

The members of the Choral Society invited a number of their friends to attend the rehearsal of "The Geisha Girl" last Wednesday evening. The Society is making fair progress with the opera and expects to give it some time during the holidays.

Miss Irene Kirkwood of Concord came in to attend the lecture on Friday evening.

THE official canvass by the Board of Supervisors shows all the Republican party candidates were elected and certificates to that effect have been issued to the respective candidates elect. There was quite a gathering of Democratic spoilsmen, including the editor of their party organ, the County Physician and numerous lesser lights in attendance at the count and great interest was taken in the second Supervisor district. It was shown however that Ralph Harrison was elected and rumors of a recount between Harrison and Booth were in the air. However Harrison is bound to win out on a recount so all is well.

WHAT would Murphy not have given for a "pocket precinct" to devote to the interests of his friends, Paul and Joe. "That which thou do not possess covet from he who does" is evidently the creed of sleepless Tom.

IF Murphy was a good loser, which he is not, he would come out and congratulate the Republican party on its glorious victory, but like a whole lot more of the "pap bottle" suckers he cannot realize that he has lost and thinks to minimize the defeat in absurd claims.

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